

**SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING**

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** (Microphone not activated) ...George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. As we begin our legislative deliberations today, we're pleased to have a visiting chaplain of the day from Omaha, Senator Carol Pirsch's District. We have, from the Church of the Master Presbyterian Church, Pastor Gary Bullard.

**PASTOR BULLARD:** (Prayer offered.)

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Thank you very much, Pastor Bullard. Would members please record their presence.

**CLERK:** I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** The Legislature is in session. Mr. Clerk, are there any corrections to the Journal?

**CLERK:** There are no corrections this morning, Mr. President.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Any messages, reports or announcements?

**CLERK:** Just a report received from the State Treasurer. Will be on file in the Clerk's office. That's all that I have, Mr. President.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Item 5, General File. The first bill is LB 1139, Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** Mr. President, LB 1139, a bill originally introduced by Senator Hartnett, Avery, Pedersen and Withem. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 18 of this year, referred to the Government Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending. Senator, you also have your amendment to the committee amendments. I don't know where you would like to start.

**SENATOR HARTNETT:** The committee amendments, and then I will move into the other.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Senator Hartnett, you are recognized for opening on the committee amendments.

**SENATOR HARTNETT:** Mr. Speaker, members of the body, this deals with allowing the counties to get into the sewer business.